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REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is in response to an Office Action mailed on September 28, 2000 for the above-identified patent application which Office Action set a 3-month period for response. A Petition requesting a three (3) month extension of time accompanies this response which is being filed on or before its now current due date of March 28, 2001.

In response to this Office Action, entry of the following amendments is earnestly solicited:

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph under the heading CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS and replace it with the following paragraph:

a' --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/108,164, which was converted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c)(2)(i) from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/904,415, filed July 31, 1997, which application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--